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Lewistown, MT---The Bureau of Land Management would like to invite you to a National Public Lands Day celebration/activity at the Kipp Recreation Area (north of Bohemian Corner where the Fred Robinson Bridge crosses the Upper Missouri River) on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) has grown into a great opportunity for members of the public to volunteer a few hours of time to various projects to benefit the public lands that provide a "back yard" for so many of us.

Those wanting to participate in the NPLD activities at Kipp should meet at the BLM's Lewistown Field Office (920 North East Main) at 8:00 a.m. or travel to the site on your own. "Those of us traveling from the BLM office will arrive at Kipp around 9:30, we'll have a brief registration period and then begin trimming old, dead branches off small trees and some general maintenance work," said Sandra Padilla, a BLM park ranger in Lewistown, who will be coordinating these activities.

At noon the BLM will provide lunch and t-shirts to everyone participating, so please RSVP to Sandra Padilla at 406-538-1916 if you plan to attend.

"It should be a great day with a little light work mixed with friends, a lunch and a chance to make a positive difference in our public lands," according to Padilla. So, bring a few hand tools, your gloves and enthusiasm to the Kipp Recreation Area on Saturday September 24, for this worthwhile activity. "We should finish by shortly after 2:00 so it will not be a long day for any of the volunteers," Sandra added.

Those who drive themselves to the Kipp NPLD activity may want to end their day at the elk viewing area on the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.

This year's NPLD activities at the Kipp Recreation Area will be part of the largest volunteer restoration effort ever on America's public lands. It will be one of 650 NPLD activities across the west.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Toyota Motor Sales, USA has sponsored NPLD events as a means helping those of us who hunt, fish, boat, hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic or just relax on our public lands give a little back.

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